

Musically gifted

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Where the music takes him is where Jeremiah Goodblanket follows.

“I always had a really strong passion for music. I started playing when I was around 12 years old when my brother-in-law showed me how to play a song on the guitar and I picked it up really fast,” Goodblanket said. “They (family) ended up buying me a bass guitar the next year on my 13th birthday.”

Goodblanket has never had formal guitar lessons or any formal music instructions but plays the guitar and sings as if he has had lessons his entire life.

“I just picked up the guitar, no lessons or instruction and just began to play. I don’t know how to read music, I just hear the music and I can pick it out,” he said. “People say you don’t have to read music but I want to eventually learn how ... sometimes it gets frustrating when I hear a note and I struggle with getting it on the guitar.”

Goodblanket said he just recently started writing his own songs.

“The first time I wrote my own song was right after graduating high school. I used real simple melodies and chords. The hardest part is coming up with the words. I carry a little book that I have written poetry in and I am trying to incorporate my poetry into the songs,” Goodblanket said. “Whenever I try to write, I don’t have any luck at all, the best lyrics just come to me randomly like I will be in school and a melody will come into my head and I try to get it written down so I don’t lose it later on.”

Goodblanket said his greatest influence in his life and his music has been his dad and the local music scene, “The local musicians from around Oklahoma City and El Reno have inspired me more than anything. A lot of big bands, guitar wise, progressive metal I really like.”

Goodblanket was born in Clinton, Okla. in 1992 to Adrian and Toni Goodblanket. He is the grandson of Patti and Steve Bacon, Ruth Goodblanket and John and Olita Walters. Goodblanket grew up in El Reno, Okla. and graduated from El Reno High School.

“My parents and my grandparents have been the greatest influence in



Photos by Rosemary Stephens
Jeremiah Goodblanket writes, sings and performs his own songs.

my life. My grandmother Patti is the sweetest person I know and she does so much for me and my sisters ... I strive to make them proud of me,” Goodblanket said.

Goodblanket recently decided to get a band together and begin performing locally. On a Friday afternoon he asked his mother, Toni, to listen to a new song that he and his friend, Andrew had just written together.

“It wasn’t really finished, but I played everything we had so far for my mom ... the next day she suddenly died,” Goodblanket said choking back the sobs and fighting the tears.

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Housing improvement program contract proposal approved

CONCHO, OK- On April 23, 2012, the Interior Board of Indian Appeal’s ordered the regional director to execute an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistant Act contract to reinstate the much-needed Housing Improvement Program for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

The Housing Improvement Program is a grant program that seeks to fulfill the basic needs of decent, safe and sanitary housing for the most impoverished people, who have substandard housing or no housing at all, and have no immediate source of housing assistance, to eliminate substandard housing, homelessness and overcrowding, and remedy dilapidated houses that lack adequate weatherproofing that causes chronic health problems; and achieve the housing policy of BIA: “every American family should have the opportunity for a decent home and suitable living environment.”

Woman searches for birth parents, history

By Rebecca Lyman, Reporter

A woman with long black hair sits in the corner of a busy café, sips her coffee as she types on a laptop in search of who she is.

Stefanie Fields, 37, grew up wondering who her real mother and father were.

“I have always known I was adopted because every year we would celebrate the day I was adopted as if it were my birthday,” Fields said.

Eli and Frieda Townsend adopted Fields after she was put into foster care on Feb. 28, 1975.

“My birth certificate says I was born on Sept. 25, 1974 at Clinton Regional Hospital, but I am afraid back then the place of birth could be changed. I was six months old,” Fields said as she pulled out a photo. “This is a photo of me that was taken at the Department of Human Services (DHS) in Oklahoma City on the day I went home with my mom and dad. My parents were told that I was Northern Cheyenne and that my biological parent’s last name was Simmons, I was given the name C r y s a l Dawn at birth and my biological mom’s maiden name was Fishinghawk.”

F i e l d s said she was raised with a great mom and dad and that to her they will always be her real parents.

“A f t e r



Submitted photos
Stefanie Fields, as she appears today.

I was adopted my mom got pregnant six months later with my brother. He and I were very different, I seen him as the all American boy. He made good grades, played sports and hardly ever got into trouble,” Fields said. “I, on the other hand, was always up to something and finding myself in trouble. I have wondered about the nature verses nurture, if I was really so different because of my heredity.”

Fields reached into her brief case and pulled out some paperwork that her father had requested from the DHS on her behalf when she was about 18. She began to read what was written about her biological mother.

“The circumstances leading to child’s removal from home was the child lived with

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Stefanie Fields (birth name listed as Crystal Dawn) as she appeared at 6 months of age.

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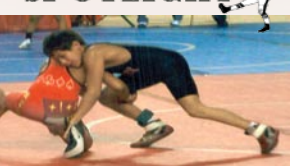


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Photos by Rebecka Lyman
Above: Jennifer Reynolds and Kevin Birdshead share an intimate moment while learning new ways to communicate with one another. Left: AJ Foster having some fun with the couples as he explains the importance of healthy communication.

Workshop builds stronger relationships

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter

In a softly lit room couples share dinner by candlelight. Couples learn the importance of practicing the skill of listening, as well as expressing their thoughts and feelings during a Couple’s Night Out workshop held April 12, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and the Association of American Indian Physician’s (AAIP) Family Preservation Program sponsored the event in an effort to help build stronger relationships.

“Communication is the key to a strong and healthy relationship,” Teresa Dorsett, Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Department, executive director said. “Think back to when you were a child growing up. How did your family communicate with one another?”

Dorsett expressed how communication allows partners to exchange messages about love and other emotions.

“Prior habits and behaviors are common barriers to good listening. Too often as listeners we concentrate on the response we will give,” Dorsett said. “Instead of concentrating on the message we are getting. Our habit of thinking of a response or jumping to conclusions turns off our ability to hear the intended message.”

AJ Foster, Seminole tribes Management Program analyst said communication is the key to successful relationships.

“Effective communication requires practicing the skills of listening and the expression of thoughts and feelings,” Foster said.

He instructed the couples to turn their chairs and face one another while holding hands.

“Communication consists of verbal messages ... what you say, contextual issues ... how you say it, emotional tone ... why you say it, and even non-verbal cues ... what you don’t say,” Foster said.

Dorsett began to ask the couples to speak to one another and repeat what she was saying to each other.

“I want you to say to your partner I love you, now say to your partner you are the bomb,” Dorsett said. “Now say, I am sorry about ... and you finish the sentence.”

During the exercise a few of the couples showed affec-

tion towards one another by laughing, moving in closer, kissing and hugging.

“Holding hands and talking to each other face to face was a bit uncomfortable for me, but I will be using this technique more at home,” Jennifer Reynolds said after the exercise.

Dorsett addressed the issue of how the family functions or dysfunctions.

“A dysfunctional family is a family that fails to work together as a unit and also fails to meet the needs of individual members,” Dorsett said. “One of the chief problems dysfunctional families don’t do is have clear and honest communication.”

She asked for three couples to participate in playing the newlywed game. Questions, such as, where did the couples first date take place and when was the last time the couples shared an intimate kiss were asked.

“Our first date was at my friend’s house,” Bernadette Perkins said as she turned over the answer card.

Perkin’s partner, Anthony Howl laughed as he flipped his card over revealing the same answer, earning the couple their first team point.

“In good times and bad, couples need each other,” Foster said. “Good communication does not mean that your family won’t have any problems or that your partner will always like what you have to say. Good communication means the chances of solving problems are much higher if you and your partner can express yourselves openly and freely with each other.”

The Association of American Indian Physicians, Family Preservation program sincerely thanks the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for hosting the Couples Night Out event at the Concho Community Center.

We appreciate all the staff for their outstanding effort in planning and recruiting couples to ensure that this event was a success.

We look forward to a thriving working relationship in the future to help our Native people. Special thanks to the following departments at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Essential Governmental services put at risk

By Lisa Liebl

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Public Relations

CONCHO, OK-The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have declared a State of Emergency following the freezing of a bank account that contains the money the tribes receive to provide essential governmental services.

This is a result of First Bank and Trust in Clinton, Okla. freezing federal and state funds provided to the tribes for it to administer essential governmental services. The bank purportedly did this “after continual threats of Michael Kodaseet and Leslie Wandrie-Harjo”.

The funds that are frozen were to provide:

- shelter to homeless children;
- food, clothing, shelter assistance;
- children with a head start at education;
- foster care placement for children that are homeless and in need of aid.
- 24/7 emergency paramedic services;
- 24/7 “advanced pre-hospital services” with advanced level trained medics;
- 24/7 critical care transport;

- ground emergency medical service including first response and ambulatory service in western Oklahoma with the protocol to perform life saving techniques such as rapid sequence intubation as in the event of a heart, lung or liver failure;
- blood pressure monitoring services;
- blood sugar monitoring services;
- diabetic foot exams;
- medicalequipmentincludingdiabetic supplies,wheelchairs,oxygen machines,and blood pressure monitors;
- transport persons to dialysis, cardiology, podiatry, urology, and chemotherapy appointments;
- critical live saving drugs including insulin, high blood pressure medication, antibiotics, hypertension medication, as well as cancer medication;
- home health care services to the disabled and bedridden;
- temporary shelters during emergencies;
- emergency response during disasters;
- firefighter services;
- investigate and provide child protective services for abused, ne-

glected, or exploited children.

“Harjo’s continuous, greedy quest for control and power has certainly gone too far this time, jeopardizing essential governmental services to both Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members and non-members alike. She has even been criticized in recent IBIA administrative proceedings as having tried to defeat the provision of Home Improvement Program services just so the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes wouldn’t receive that funding, with no reasons or plans thereto.”

According to Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, “we are presently looking at all our options and will not take our eyes off the goal of getting the funds restored and the essential governmental services provided. Ms. Harjo can still do the right thing -- she can join with us to seek to have the tribes’ funds unfrozen immediately.”

Additionally, she said “we will hopefully achieve our goal in time. After all these are essential governmental services that our people rely on.”



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Career fair offers employment opportunities

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the WIA Program teamed up with Redlands Community College, Lucky Star Casino and other companies to host a Career Fair day on April 18, 2012 at the Western Technology Center in Weatherford, Okla.

“WIA is currently recruiting for our summer youth work program and have openings for 30 individuals to work June 4 through June 29,” Jennifer Tisdale, WIA counselor said. “We have had 10 people already apply, so we are hoping to fill the 20 slots.”

Companies and Tribal programs set up booths with job applications, job information, resources and other material to help Tribal and non-Tribal members seeking employment.

James Thompson from Weatherford, Okla. came in when he saw the sign.

“I just came in to see what they are offering because I am currently looking for a job and hopefully they can help me,” Thompson said.

The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services representative, Amy Martin, said they offer job opportunities across the state of Oklahoma.

“We have openings state wide and brought all the information people will need to apply. We hope to fill some of



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

James Thompson, resident of Weatherford, Okla., visits with Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Personnel Director, Cecil Gray and Wendy Haag, personnel records management clerk to learn about employment opportunities through the tribes.

those positions today during the career fair,” Martin said.

For more information on the WIA summer youth work program or employment with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, visit www.c-a-tribes.org.

Sharing experience, strength and hope through the Elder Care program

By Elder Care Director, Frank Sheridan



Mower was a Cheyenne Chief, Medicine Man, and Arrow Keeper. His father was a full blood Sioux, was killed battling gold prospectors in the Black Hills. Cut Grass’s father was Eight Horns aka Many Horns, and his mother’s name was Iron Woman. Although a Cheyenne Chief and Arrow Keeper he was half Sioux. The Sioux blood line still runs in our family. From that generation to this is where most of the traditional teachings we all utilize come from. With that introduction I hope all our elders are doing well today. We are all a representation of all who have gone on before us. There are many words from individuals that have gone on. I rely on these oral teachings every day.

One such relative I had was an uncle. His name was Leroy Chouteau. He came from a much respected family in the El Reno area. He was a son, brother, father, uncle, veteran, and friend. We had a name we would call each other. I am part Kiowa and grew up in Kiowa country. In doing so I picked up on a few Kiowa words. One such word was “sagee” the word for uncle in Kiowa.

We would both use this word when we talked with each other. I would go to him to ask him about some thing, “sagee, Leroy, how do you do this.” When he called me he would just say sagee.

One time, sagee Leroy was talking to me and said, “You know sagee. When you feel like you need to say some thing to people and don’t, someone is going to miss out on something that Maheo wants them to hear. He is the one that puts that thought in your mind. He is using you as an instrument. He is using you to tell them some thing that may help them in some way. Don’t be afraid to tell folks what comes to you, you will know when and what to say. I know he is going to use you in sharing a lot of good things with our people. Sagee, don’t forget what I said.” Shortly after that, sagee Leroy took the Journey.

I’m 61 years old and I have used his words all my life. I have used his advice in my professional setting, in my traditional settings, in my family settings and still today. In our tradition sometimes things take a long time. Sometimes people talk a long time. We are taught to be patient and to respect those talking, those in prayer and those wanting to help us. My articles may sometimes be lengthy, but this is how sagee Leroy told me how to do.

So today I’m going to share some information about the

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Elder Care Program. Before I share that, I often times practice haiku. Haiku is a traditional three line Japanese style short poem with a constrained number of syllables. My form may not be perfect but I like the pictures it paints. I share this with you in remembering my sagee Leroy, The words remain strong. The vision delivers him. Uncle prepared him.

In the time of our ancestors when an animal was killed for food the meat was shared with family first, then those who could not provide for themselves. Those that could do the hunting were in a way providing supplemental assistance to those that needed it.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care Program is a supplemental program with supplemental being defined as *added to, or furnish what is lacking or missing*. Another example of supplemental assistance is in our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal history we have been the recipients of supplemental issue in the form of clothing, food, cattle and other commodities from the United States government guaranteed by treaty right.

Prior to receiving supplemental benefits our respective tribes had great virtues. Virtues such as honesty, generosity, loyalty, fortitude are great descriptive nouns for our Cheyenne and Arapaho culture. Philosophically when you think about the concept of supplemental ... what did it do? It took away the self sufficiency that made us unique as Cheyenne and Arapaho. The men didn’t have to hunt as much, the women didn’t have to work as hard as they did in taking care of their families.

Over a period of time, we were able to get away from the concept of supplemental. Up to the time before the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe had an Elder Care Program our tribal elders were very resourceful. Struggle they may have, but they were very resourceful. On a limited income they got by. They were, even as today, taking responsibility for raising their grandchildren. That’s the way our teachings have been instilled.

The Elder Care Program is not guaranteed to exist forever. In regard to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care Program, first some individual(s) had to have a kind heart and the foresight to try to take care of our Cheyenne and Arapaho elders. This contemporary application of supplemental caring is in the form of gas, water, electric utility bills, fire wood, propane, rent, mortgage payments, glasses, prescriptions, medical sup-

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Meet the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ television crew

The Director of Operations and Production at CATV-47 is Randy Burleson, who comes to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes with over 30 years experience in video production.

Burleson has worked with the leading video production companies in Oklahoma as well as KWTV-9.

He started his long career in video in December 1979 at KLTV-7 in Tyler, Texas as a studio cameraman for the 5, 6 and 10 p.m. local newscast.

A year later was he was asked to join forces with the anchorman, sportscaster and chief news videographer in their new video production company LPH Productions. While working there he shot everything including commercials, fishing shows, gardening shows, cooking shows and industrial/corporate videos.

In 1987 Burleson moved his family to Oklahoma City to work for KWTV at TV9 Productions where he worked with Oklahoma City’s leading advertising agencies in producing commercials and corporate videos.His clientele included Ackerman McQueen Ad Agency, Jordan and Associates Ad Agency, Mason and Moon, Ad Agency, New West Group Ad Agency, Fleming Foods, various car dealerships, and

industrial video producers.

Burleson has also worked with other video production companies in Oklahoma City and Tulsa between 1991 and 2002 including Grekel Productions, Garman Productions in Oklahoma City and Williams/Vyv in Tulsa, Okla..

For the past nine years Burleson was working at Century Martial Arts in Midwest City producing martial arts training DVDs and corporate videos. While at Century he produced a biographical documentary on Matt Hughes, nine time UFC welterweight champion as well as a documentary on XMA Xtreme Martial Arts with legendary martial artist Mike Chat.



Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Randy Burleson, Director of Operations and Production for CATV-47.

Darren Brown joined CATV in mid-April as content producer/videographer. He also handles on-camera duties for the new station.

Brown’s television career spans almost 25 years, with stints at KWTV in Oklahoma City, KOKH in Oklahoma City, KAUZ in Wichita Falls, Texas, and KOB in Albuquerque, N.M.

He started in television production in 1987, and moved to television news as a photographer in 1994. Brown began doing on-camera work in 2005, and spent the last several years at KWTV functioning as a ‘one-man band,” shooting, writing, and editing his own stories. He also played a large part in KWTV’s, *Road Trip Oklahoma* series, producing feature stories in each Oklahoma town the show visited.

He admitted that starting a TV station from scratch was

both exciting and intimidating at the same time, but he feels his news career has prepared him for the challenge.

“This is an opportunity to help preserve Cheyenne and Arapaho history and present it to a whole new audience,” Brown said. “In some ways, this is a total departure from what I’ve been doing, but in the end it comes down to basic storytelling.”



Darren Brown, content producer for CATV-47.

William Birdshead is a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member originally from Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian reservation.

This reservation, Birdshead said, is known for its poverty level, unemployment rate and high number of alcohol related deaths. Birdshead said it was his generation that stood up and took notice of the horrible things that were happening to the people on the reservation.

Birdshead continues to work in the field of suicide prevention but said he juggles his spirituality, his work and his passion.

Birdshead said the quote that best describes his life is, “Everything happens for a reason”, just do what is best for my people and what is best for future generations to come.”

He grew up in the film industry and being from the Pine Ridge reservation that seemed unlikely, but it was mostly Native American films.

Birdshead’s mother, Karen Testerman, his friend Chris

Eyre and his uncle Larry Poirier have influenced him the most and encouraged him to continue with what his passion is and that is working in the media field and films.

“I never thought I’d be working for a television station but after working here for the few weeks that I’ve been here. I am beginning to like doing this more so then working in the film industry. I am thankful for the leaders of my tribe whom allowed me to have this opportunity to learn,” Birdshead said.



William Birdshead, videographer/editor for CATV-47.

Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International awards announcement

Oklahoma City, OK-The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) announced the winners of its 2012 Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International awards.

Awards Council, consisting of 14 individuals from cultural institutions across the nation, reviewed a record number of nominations. The Awards Council selected nine recipients in the following categories, Lifetime Achievement, which honors an individual whose work has significantly contributed to the preservation and understanding of indigenous cultural heritage, is awarded to Richard West, founding director and director emeritus of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C. West is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and a Peace Chief of the Southern Cheyenne. Now retired from NMAI, West serves as consultant to international cultural institutions and is Of Counsel to Stetson Law Offices, P.C., where he focuses primarily on Native art and culture issues. Leadership, which honors an indigenous individual with exceptional ability to lead and inspire, is awarded to Sven Haakanson, Executive

Director of the Alutiiq Museum, Kodiak, Alaska. Haakanson is recognized for his leadership in preserving and giving contemporary meaning to Native history and local legends, rituals, and customs. Bridging cultures and continents, Haakanson has made collections more accessible to Native communities by researching objects in the world’s museums and developing traveling exhibits and educational resources around the information they hold. Through these and other activities, Haakanson is preserving and reviving ancient traditions and heritage, celebrating the rich past of Alutiiq communities, and providing the larger world with a valuable window into a little-known culture. Outstanding Project, which recognizes projects that greatly benefit indigenous peoples, is awarded to the Plateau Peoples’ Web Portal, an interactive, online digital archive that provides access to Plateau peoples’ cultural materials at Washington State University through tribal curation. The Portal provides a way for tribal communities to include their own knowledge and memories of digital materials for various collections. This project is an inspiring model of how university repositories can

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Richard West, one of 14 winners of the Culture and Lifeways International awards.

program, a Writer’s Group, “Writers in the Wind”, that meets monthly to work on projects; Author Visit Programs with noted Native and Non-Native authors; a First Book program and Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Ready to Read and Early Literacy program, that helps children establish personal home libraries; a Starting Points program that pays for testing fees and provides training to help individuals obtain GEDs, literacy, education, career and employment opportunities. Community Outreach program targeted to the special needs of home-bound elders; a One Car-One Student program where salvaged cars are recycled to pay for testing fees for GED students; an early literacy program known as “Fun in a Sack” that features kits with books, puzzles videos, and other learning tools; Working with the Iowa Tribe Cultural Preservation and Recreation to create “Living Books” recording history for future Iowa generations. Partnership with the Oklahoma Historical Society to digitize older tribal newspapers. Partnering with Iowa Tribe Bison Program, creating traveling education exhibition for outreach to schools and community. The library works closely with the JOM

program assisting with tutoring of children and shares online, education, employment and career resources with five public libraries and one school library. Sandy is a member of American Indian Library Association, ALA, OLA, serves on the Oklahoma Library Tribal Committee and serves on the Oklahoma Literacy Coalition, Board of Directors representing the Iowa Tribe.

Museum Institutional Excellence, which recognizes Indigenous museums and museum services that demonstrate significant commitment to the care, preservation

The journey continues

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Margie Deer, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Health Education director was presented with a Pendleton blanket during the fifth annual, Preparing the 7th Generation conference April 17, 2012.

The fifth annual Preparing for the 7th Generation, The Journey Continues, tobacco conference was held April 17-19, 2012 at the Reed Center in Midwest City, Okla.

This unique partnership was form in 2008 with several Oklahoma tribes and the Oklahoma State Department of Health to offer a conference entitled *Preparing for the 7th Generation: Preventing and Treating Commercial Tobacco Dependence*.

Sponsors of this conference were the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, American Legacy, American Heart Association, Oklahoma State Department of Health and the University of Oklahoma (OU) Health Sciences Center College of Public Health along with Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation and

the Osage Nation M-Power.

Native Americans have the highest prevalence of commercial tobacco use compared to other population therefore every effort of the partnership considers the impact of their decisions on the next seven generations so they no longer have to suffer the consequences of commercial tobacco abuse.

At the opening ceremonies, Margie Edmonds Deer was honored and presented with a Pendleton blanket.

Deer is the director of health education for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and has been actively involved in promoting health and preventing disease during her many years with the tribes.

She is certified as a "Second Wind" and "Freedom from Smoking" facilitator and continues to advocate for no smoking except for ceremonial use.

Canton community gym grand opening in May

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On May 18, 2012, the grand opening for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Canton Community Gym in Canton, Okla. is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

The old high school gym was purchased in 2002 by the tribes.

The gym sat untouched until it was put into an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield's Pilot Project Assessment Grant in 2003.

It was assessed for hazardous materials and several attempts were made to qualify for the EPA Brownfield's Cleanup Grant, but were unsuccessful in obtaining the grant.

The building continued to sit in its original dilapidated condition until 2009.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority then applied for, and received, the ARRA Stimulus grant for the Canton gym renovations.

"I feel this is a success story for the tribes as we are

bringing back a 'brown space' to 'green space' because we used all energy efficient windows, heat and air units, insulation, water saving plumbing fixtures not to mention the jobs that were created and current jobs saved because of this project," Damon Dunbar, Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority, special projects coordinator said.

For more information about the grand opening contact Dubnbar at (580) 323-2420.



Above: The gym as it sat before renovations. Below: Renovations performed on March 2, 2012 to the gym



Courtesy photos

Boys and Girls Club of Darlington inspire teens to pursue postsecondary education

Submitted article

EL RENO, OK-The Boys and Girls club of Darlington in El Reno, Okla. received a \$1000 grant from Darden Restaurant, Inc. Foundation's Recipe for Success program on Feb 15, 2012. The program took 14 youth from Darlington's Boys and Girls club to take a tour of Redlands Community College (RCC) campus in El Reno, Okla.

The youth had lunch and hung out with the girl's basketball players in the gym, while shooting some hoops and just talking about college.

"It was a great experience for the young people," Pam Silk, Boys and Girls Club, director said. "It has inspired all 14 youth to pursue a college education at the end of their high school careers."

Silk said the club has plans on taking high school seniors from Geary, Okla. and Hammon, Okla. to Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) for campus tours before summer vacation.

"Our goal is to inspire these young people to go to college and let them know it is possible," Silk said.

The Recipe for Success program was formed to help in-

spire Boys and Girls Club members pursue their dreams and set ambitious goals by introducing them to possibilities of postsecondary education. The program strives to support Boys and Girls Club's mission of enabling youth to reach their full potential and achieve a greater future.

"Darden believes in creating opportunities for others," Angela Woods, Darden Restaurants, Inc., director said. "Recipe for success is designed to enable and empower youth to pave their own path to success by providing access to the tools and information necessary to navigate the process of postsecondary education."



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TRIBAL TIDBITS

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Pictured above Rayford Gray, Juan Ochoa, Debra Whiteman, Patricia Ochoa and Mary Ann Gray.



Max Bear donates blood for the Ochoa family.

On April 18, 2012 the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes held a blood drive in the Concho Community building.

Those who donated blood were welcome to credit their blood to Patricia Ochoa. Ochoa's family was in attendance showing their support to those who gave blood donations.



Courtesy photos

The Cheyenne and Arapaho legislative branch held a cookout and Easter egg hunt for tribal members on April 4, 2012 at the Route 66 Park in Oklahoma City.

The Easter egg hunt winners were Edmond Robideau, Isabella Van Hook, Maria Hernandez, Rose Hernandez, Anthony Hernandez, Mariona Dutchie, Ethan Redbird, Jennifer Redbird, Charles Gantoe, Fred Washee, Chris Curtis, Trinity Rednose, Brynlee Fletcher, Alaniya Rednose, Easton Fletcher, Gavyn Thompson, Bryson Fletcher and Brenston Fletcher.



Photos by Rebecka Lyman



The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program held an elders day out on April 25, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Participants had to be 55 years and older to attend the event. The elders that attended the event enjoyed door prizes, basket weaving, a lunch from Alfredo's and participated in an egg hunt.

Woman searches for parents

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birth mother and grandmother until she entered foster care on Feb. 28, 1975 after mother left the child with a couple and disappeared. Her parental rights were terminated. I have a half brother that was born in 1973 who was basically raised by my grandmother, which could not have been my birth mom’s real mother because the papers say she died or maybe it was my birth father’s mom. My brother was very fair skinned-almost white hair, and blue eyes, seemed intelligent. It also reads that my birth mother had six siblings and was placed in DHS custody in 1967 due to long standing neglect and possible abuse. My biological mom was in foster care or Indian boarding schools from then on. Her youngest four siblings were placed for adoption,” Fields softly said in a sad voice.

Fields takes a drink of her coffee and speaks of her own assumptions.

“Maybe she left me with them thinking that they would take care of me. Maybe she thought that it was better for someone else to raise me other than herself and break the ugly cycle,” Fields said.

As Fields looks back at the paperwork she continues to read aloud.

“It says here that my mom was born in 1954 and was half Cheyenne and half white, she was described as a beautiful woman with smooth brown skin, dark hair and dark eyes. It also says that she could be charming but also very hostile and aggressive, unable to follow through on jobs or other responsibilities, unstable emotionally probably due to her own neglect as a child. She drank alcohol regularly, possibly drunk during pregnancy,” Fields said. “It also states that my grandmother was full blood Cheyenne, an alcoholic and died in a bar in 1971. The report goes on to say that my alleged grandfather was half Cheyenne and away in the service.”

Fields said she had been hanging onto the paperwork for 20 years and over the years when she thought times were hard she would get the paperwork from where it laid and look it over.

“I have looked at these papers many times and when I read the horror, it makes me grateful for all the things my parents have done for me, they stand by me and love me. Even when I was a rebellious teenager trying to run away at the age of thirteen,” Fields said as she smiled.

Fields again turned her attention to the papers she held and reads what is written.

“Alleged biological father born 1950, white, Scottish and Irish which explains the freckles I have. It says he was a truck driver, wore glasses, was 5’10” and weighed 160lbs. He had brown eyes, brown with gold tinted hair, rather shy, he was good at wrestling and played high school sports. The comments read that he was unsure whether he was really the father as mother apparently was involved with other men,” Fields read. “It seems my mother was a bit of a trouble maker.”

On the last page of the DHS report was information about her biological father’s parents.

“She was a saleslady, white and only completed the tenth grade. His dad was 50 years old and resembled son, complet-

ed the eighth grade and was a filling station operator,” Fields said as she let out a big sigh.

The coffee house Fields sat in began to get noisy as strangers walked by her table, but Fields just sat silently reflecting, oblivious to the noise around her.

“My parents started the process for me 20 years ago in hopes of finding my real family. I really have not pursued it, until now. I have googled, been on Ancestry.com, signed up with organizations and my dad contacted the Northern Cheyenne tribe in Lame Deer, Montana, but they really could not help because what paperwork DHS did have has been lost,” Fields said. “I just want to pursue the search of finding my real family, I just want to know where this story ends. If I never found out, than I never find out, but I can say I have tried and I won’t wonder what if I had made that phone call or go down to DHS and sit there until they find my file.”

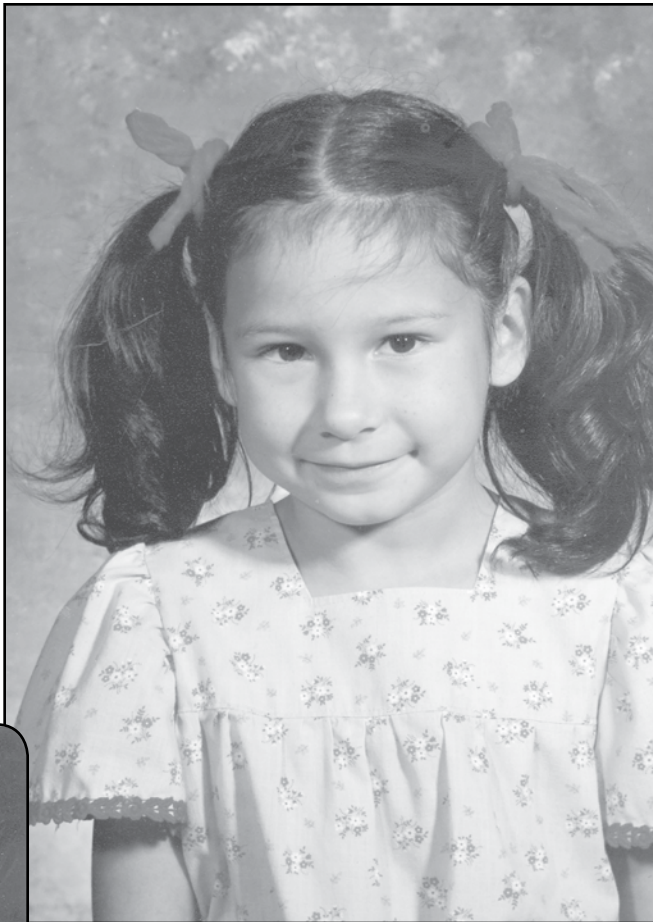
Fields said she grew up a preacher’s daughter and believes in God.

“When I pull these papers out and look at them it gives me a good perspective that God wanted me with the family I grew up knowing. I have been raised with people who love me and have taken good care of me. No, we weren’t the wealthy family in the neighborhood, no we did not have everything we wanted and no they could not afford to send me to college, which is why I went into the military. I was in a loving family; I was not in a neglected home or an abusive home,” Fields said as her eyes filled with tears.

Fields took the papers and put them back into the folder on the table.

“It seems pretty evident according to these papers if I had stayed with my biological mother that I would have been in a very different place today. I feel as if I am one of the lucky ones. In 1974, it was one of the highest years for abortion rates. I don’t look on this as a negative thing at all. I am in a transitional place in my life right now and I believe finding out more of where I come from might help give me more direction,” Fields said.

Fields said she has concerns of her family’s medical history.



*Submitted photos
Stefanie Fields in the first grade.*

“One of the other reasons I am looking for my mom is when I fill out the medical history at the doctor’s office I can only fill in N/A really big across the section. I will one day have children of my own and it would be nice to have knowledge of my family’s medical history. The paperwork reads that my mom could have drank while she was pregnant with me. Was I born with drugs or alcohol in my system? Is there alcoholism in my family? If so I want to be able to warn my own children of the dangers. All I know is what is in the DHS papers,” Fields said.

Fields said whether her birth mom left her on purpose or not she got her out of the cycle of foster care and boarding schools.

“My mother was in a Indian boarding school and she and my grandmother were on the Cheyenne roll so somewhere there is record of my heritage and there has to be a connection of where I come from,” Fields said.

Fields served in the United States National Guard for six years. She has her own company and resides in the Oklahoma City area. Fields requested that if anyone has any information that will help her in her search to contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune at (405) 422-7446 or (405) 422-7608 or by email Rosemary Stephens, rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org or Rebecka Lyman rlyman@c-a-tribes.org.

Elder care program

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plies and equipment, dental, food, urgent home repairs, and medical hotel stay. Of course there are policies and guidelines that allow the disbursement of these services.

Philosophically, again we have become dependant on a supplemental program. With this dependence comes many things some good and some negative. I heard someone say one time if you accept the fragrance of a rose you must sometimes accept the thorns that it bears. So with that thought, here are some thorns.

I have found instances of fraud on the part of some people to exploit the elder that they may be living with. My elders would have called this stealing. That is unacceptable and there is going to be consequences to the individuals committing this act. In most cases, the tribal member/offenders do not view stealing from the Elder Care Program is harmful. They may think that the crime was victimless and they do not view their theft as being devastating or costly to the Elder Care program.

The Elder Care department tries to assist the population in as many ways as we can. From Jan. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2011 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care Program has assisted in responding to 18,311 requests for various

types of assistance.

I, as an elder, and providing care to my elderly mother know the importance of this supplemental program. My 85 year old mother Ruby Sheridan Bushyhead, although her father, John Sheridan was Cheyenne and Arapaho is enrolled with the Kiowa tribe. The only assistance she receives is a turkey on the holidays and a monetary gift made to all the elders of the Kiowa tribe. For that, I know she is truly grateful.

When tribal members exploit their elders and I am aware of it...philosophically they are stealing from my mother, and I will not allow it. So with the fragrance of the rose that we as elders accept, we must also accept one of the thorns that I as Director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care program must address.

I, as a tribal elder am very appreciative of the assistance that is provided to me. I know that the majority of Cheyenne and Arapaho elders that are recipients of this supplemental benefit are also very appreciative. I wonder what the recipients that use this service would do if the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care program ceased to function. Somehow as our elders did in the past, adjust-

ments would be made but as elders we would survive. In a good way I guess I’m saying we should be truly grateful for what is provided to each and every one of us.

I might add that the individuals who work in the Elder Care department do all they can to assist each elder in any way possible according to policies that have been established to ensure each elder is treated fairly. I am very proud of the Elder Care program staff. I have worked in private industry, in government, and know that the staff we have are doing the same job as good as any ve ho e can do but they are doing it better. At times they may be very busy, so please try to be patient with them. Patience will be another story.

The haiku I am sharing are very personal and I have not shared them with very many people. Sharing them with you is my gift to you, philosophically each individual haiku tells a story. I would like to share two with you, until the next time.....toksha.

Voices of Grandfather are released in the vapor, whispering to me.

They look down, one thousand eagle bone whistles, the willow branch swings.

AARP Oklahoma seeking nominations for annual Indian elder honors

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK-AARP Oklahoma today announced it is accepting nominations for the 2012 AARP Indian Elder Honors.

The fourth annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors will recognize 50 outstanding tribal elders who have made a positive impact in their tribe, community, state or country.

Nominations can be submitted by tribal governments or by individuals now through May 31, said AARP State President Marjorie Lyons.

“The AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors has become one of the high-lights of the year for us,” Lyons said. “It is a celebration of Indian culture and people, many of whom have never been recognized before and a way to recognize the significant contributions of older Indians in Oklahoma.”

The goal is to have at least one hon-

oree from each of Oklahoma’s 38-federally recognized Indian tribes, she said.

Nominations are being accepted online at www.aarp.org/ok or via a letter of nomination explaining the contribution of the nominee that can be mailed directly to: AARP Oklahoma at 126 N. Bryant, Edmond, OK 73034. Nominees must be an enrolled member of a federally-recognized Oklahoma Indian tribe and must be living.

Past honorees have included linguists, artists, ministers, educators, veterans, tribal and community leaders, matriarchs and patriarchs.

For more information on the 2012 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors, e-mail AARP Oklahoma at ok@aarp.org or call (866) 295-7277. To make an online nomination, visit: www.aarp.org/ok.

Red Earth festival in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK-When the 26th Annual Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival is held at the Cox Convention Center June 8, 9 and 10, 2012 in downtown Oklahoma City, more than 1200 American Indian artists and dancers from throughout North America will gather to celebrate the richness and diversity of their heritage with the world. For three exciting days Oklahoma City will be at the center of Native American art and culture in America.

Through the years Red Earth has matured into one of the most respected visual and performing arts event of its type – setting the standard for many of today’s Indian art shows held throughout the nation. At Red Earth, guests can sample the work of some of the nation’s most celebrated artists, with opportunities to purchase contemporary and traditional examples of beadwork, basketry, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, paintings, graphics and cultural attire during the juried art show and market.

The dance competition and demonstrations at Red Earth are one of the rare occasions when dancers from America’s Northern and Southern tribes can be seen together in one venue. Red Earth dancers represent the elite of Native American dance, some of the most

gifted and accomplished in the world. The masters, each in their own distinctive tribal dress, exhibit their originality and skills in one of the most prestigious of all native dance competitions.

A grand parade, unlike any other parade in the world, opens the Red Earth Festival on Friday morning. The streets of downtown Oklahoma City will vibrate in Native American tribal spirit as representatives of more than 100 tribes, in full tribal regalia, make the Red Earth Parade one of America’s most unique.

The Red Earth Art Market opens Friday, June 8, 2012 at 11 a.m. and dance demonstrations and competitions are held throughout the weekend inside the Cox Convention Center arena.

For additional information contact Red Earth, Inc at (405) 427-5228, info@redearth.org.



Music

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“My mom’s passing has really impacted me ... this is harder than I thought. It was really hard on me and I lost my ambition for a while after her death. People would say maybe you should write about it ... I tried to write and nothing would come out.” Goodblanket softly whispered. “I think about her all the time and I strive to still make her happy.”

Goodblanket said he doesn’t see himself becoming famous and said he never really strived for fame.

“I just like writing and playing music to express myself,” Goodblanket said.

When asked about his view about drugs and alcohol, Goodblanket stated his beliefs very clearly.

“The main reason I stay away from drugs and alcohol is because I have seen a lot of good people follow

that path and it destroyed them. I really don’t think you can think to your full potential if you are clouding your mind with substances. I prefer to be all the way here and doing all that I am capable of doing. I don’t have the excuse of ‘oh well I was drunk’ or ‘I was high and sat on the couch all day stoned’. I think today’s youth is getting into really deep stuff and they need to take a step away from it. They can achieve a lot more in their life if they stay away from the drugs and alcohol.”

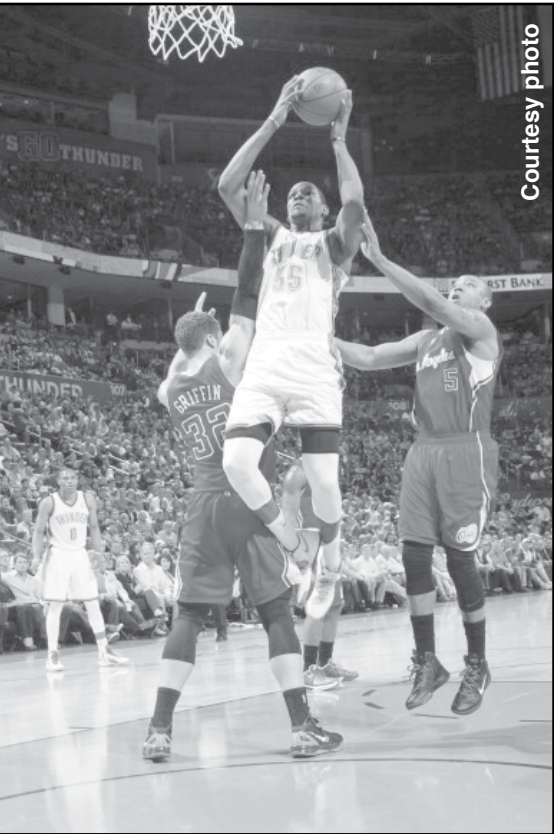
Goodblanket’s interview and live music will be aired in the near future on the Cheyenne and Arapaho



tribes’ television station (CATV47), K47MU-D.

Follow Goodblanket’s music on You Tube, “Jeremiahspace” or follow him on twitter, “Jeremiahspace.”

Kevin Durant unveils the new Nike N7 shoe



Courtesy photo

Oklahoma Thunder player, Kevin Durant debuts the new Nike N7 shoe design during a home game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK-On April 11, 2012 Oklahoma City Thunder star, Kevin Durant, unveiled the new Nike N7 Zoom shoe in a game against the Los Angeles Clippers. Durant searched for a meaningful way to give back to the Oklahoma’s Native American fans

and to support a community program and fund dedicated to providing access to sport and physical activity for Native American and Aboriginal communities with a focus on youth.

“There are a lot of Native Americans here in Oklahoma, our fans and we want to something to recognize them and this is just a small way to do so. In our next game against the Sacramento Kings we will be wearing the Native Nike N7 shoe, there is a lot of details in the shoe and they are really nice,” Kevin Durant said in a taped video.

Nike N7 was created to help recognize and inspire sports participation in the Native American populations across the country.

Where does N7 come from? It is inspired by an old Iroquois

and Native American concept, which asserts that all decisions should be reflected on in the context of how it would impact and benefit seven generations

into the future. “Everybody Leaves a Footprint” is the N7 tagline, referencing how each of us inevitably has an impact that affects future generations. The N7 Zoom KDIV is Kevin’s footprint.

The Nike N7 Zoom KDIV will be available in white and black later this spring at Nikestore.com and Nike retail locations as part of the Summer 2012 Nike N7 collection. The turquoise color highlighted on the special version of his signature shoe is deeply symbolic of friendship and community in Native American culture, and is the foundation color of the N7 collection. A portion of profits from sales of the N7 collection help to support the N7 Fund, which awards grants to Native American and Aboriginal grassroots sport and fitness programs for youth. The fund has raised more than \$1 million for grantees since it began, including the Central Oklahoma American Indian Health Council and local program 4 The Love of the Game. Learn more at www.nike7.com.





Stuffed Green Peppers

Cooking with USDA Foods

*Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program*

Ingredients:
6 green bell peppers
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
Salt to taste
½ cup uncooked rice
1 pound lean ground beef
½ cup water
1/3 cup chopped onion
1 cup shredded cheese
1 can diced tomatoes
2 cans condensed tomato soup
Water as needed
Salt & pepper to taste

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cut the tops off the peppers, and remove the seeds. Cook peppers in boiling water for 5 minutes; drain. Sprinkle salt inside each pepper and set aside.

In a large skillet sauté beef and onions for 5 min-

utes or until beef is browned. Drain off excess fat; season with salt and pepper. Stir in the tomatoes, rice, ½ cup water and Worcestershire sauce. Cover and simmer 15 minutes, or until rice is tender. Remove from heat; stir in the cheese.

Preheat the oven to 350F. Stuff each pepper with the beef and rice mixture and place peppers open side up in a baking dish. In a medium bowl combine tomato soup with just enough water to make the soup a gravy consistency. Pour over the peppers.

Bake uncovered for 25-35 minutes, until heated through and cheese is melted and bubbly.



BRIEFS

Oklahoma Native American Construction Conference for Economic Development and Infrastructure
May 7-8, 2012 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Basic Budgeting for Tribal Organizations
May 21-22, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The fifth annual Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country Conference
May 21-22, 2012 at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org or call (201) 857-5333.

Self-Governance: The Future of Compacting for Tribes
May 21-22, 2012 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Oklahoma City. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The annual mid-year Tribal Enrollment Conference
May 22-24, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel in Brooklyn, N.Y. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

Leadership Skills for Native Women
May 22-23, 2012 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Oklahoma City. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The National Tribal

Public Health Summit
May 30-June 1, 2012 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.nihb.org.

The fourth annual Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Conference
June 3-6, 2012 at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center in Uncasville, Conn. For more information visit www.hunap.harvard.edu.

National American In-

dian Housing Council 38th annual Convention and Trade Show
June 5-7, 2012 at the Dena’ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska. To register visit www.naihc.net/index.php/events/annual-convention.

Grassroots and Groundwork Conference-Working Together to Reduce Poverty and Build Prosperity
June 6-8, 2012 at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, Minn. For more information visit grassroot-sandgroundwork.org.

The 25th annual Sovereignty Symposium
June 12-13, 2012 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.thesovereignsymposium.com.

The second annual Native American Human Resources Conference
June 19-20, 2012 at the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego, Calif. To register visit www.nativenationsevents.org.

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*By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program*

Grilling Fruits and Vegetables

The time is here for outdoor cooking and activities; whether it’s a family barbecue, the lake or an afternoon in the park. Cooking on the grill is a great time to add fruits and vegetables to your menu. To bring out the flavor of vegetables try grilling fresh zucchini, squash or asparagus leaving them crisp or al dente’, grilling corn in the shuck, prepare steak kabobs with tomatoes, onions, mushrooms and peppers or chicken kabobs with tomatoes, onions, peppers and pineapple. Grill pineapple rings when grilling pork chops.

For something hot, try jalapeno peppers, clean, cut long ways, remove seeds and place on grill.

Many fruits and vegetables are in season so it is a good time to buy, purchase in bulk and freeze or how about starting your own garden? Now is the time to plant your garden. The Diabetes and Wellness program is starting their community garden soon. There is space on a first come first serve basis available for you to plant a garden and have the fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the summer and to freeze for the winter. Community gardens are a great way to get exercise, interact with people in your community and a time for the elders and youth to bond.

If you are interested in being a part of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes community garden please contact the Diabetes and Wellness Program (800) 247-4612 ext. 27723. Space is limited!



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Head Start Program

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program-Concho Center is continuously accepting applications for enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. The Head Start Program is a comprehensive Child Development Program that is designed to promote high quality services and provide a range of individualized services in the area of Education, Early Childhood, Medical, Dental, Mental Health, Nutrition and Parent Involvement. Head Start Services are responsive and appropriate to each child and family’s development, Ethnic, Cultural and Linguistic experience.

Eligibility Requirements:
3 years old to 5 years old-must be 3 years old by September 1, and turn 5 years old after September 1.

For Application to be processed, the following must be attached:

- a) Copy of Child’s Birth Certificate
- b) Copy of Child’s Immunization Record
- c) Copy of Child’s Social Security Card
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- e) Income Verification
- f) If the Child has Special Needs. Documentation Attached.
- g) CDIB (If Applicable)

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The Cheyenne & Arapaho Head Start Program follows Federal Guidelines and local Department of Human Services requirements. The Head Start Program does not discriminate against: Race, Color, Sex, National Origin or Disabilities.

For Enrollment Packet or more information call Benita Bear, Center Supervisor at (405) 422-7647 or Rachel Snyder, Family Services Coordinator at (405) 422-7645 or (405) 227-2055.

Legislative news

At the April 14, 2012, Regular Session, the Legislature voted to pass seven Acts. They were Lieutenant Governor Removal, Sex Offender Registration, Amend the Criminal Code, a Resolution to show support for the Concho Post Office, a Resolution to show support for the grant applications for Native American Language Preservation, a Resolution to show support for the grant applications for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Vocational Rehabilitation program, and a Resolution to approve the contract for installation of Energy Efficient Lighting in Tribal buildings.

The Lt. Governor Removal was passed by the Legislature unanimously as called for in the Constitution in Article XII, Removal, Recall, and Vacancies, Section 2, Impeachment and Removal of a Governor or Lieutenant Governor states *that “The Legislature shall have the power to impeach and remove a Governor or Lieutenant Governor for good cause by a unanimous vote of the Legislature. The Legislature shall have the burden of proving good cause beyond a reasonable doubt. A Governor or Lieutenant Governor subject to removal shall be provided with adequate notice, be informed of the charges in writing, be given an opportunity to address the Legislature in a public hearing, and be given an opportunity to contest the charges, and prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence.”*

The Legislature found that the Lieutenant Governor has committed crimes in connection with her office, most significantly claiming to be Governor and causing numerous

problems to the tribes due to confusion with the BIA and local businesses. The Lieutenant Governor did not appear to present any defense or response, and so good cause was found for removal.

The Criminal Code was amended by adding crimes related to drugs and sex offenses. We have also designated crimes as felonies and misdemeanors and expanded the criminal sentencing range to match the new limits in the Indian Civil Rights Act, which was amended by the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. More work needs to be done to make this a comprehensive modern criminal code and best protect our people.

The Sex Offender Registration Bill was passed at the Regular Session on April 14. The events leading up to this are that in 1996 the Jacob Wetterling Act was amended to require state and local law enforcement agencies to make information about offenders public. However, states had no jurisdiction to impose sex offender registration laws on Tribal lands. In order to avoid registering, many sex offenders moved into Indian country. In 2006 Congress passed the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (P.L. 109-248), giving the Tribes the opportunity to establish a registry system themselves or have their sex offender registration jurisdiction transferred to the states. This law is a major step toward full implementation of sex offenders in the Tribes’ jurisdiction.

On June 12, 2007, the Legislature approved a Resolution to participate in the National Sex Offender Registry and the Gov-

ernor signed the Resolution, approving and authorizing the Tribes to act as a Sex Offender Registry jurisdiction.

With the passage of the Sex Offender Registration Bill and the accompanying amendment of the Criminal Code, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will be closer to getting this jurisdiction requirement completed. Remaining steps include developing Policies to be followed by the Tribes’ Probation Officer, who will administer this.

A Resolution to show support for the Concho Post Office was introduced and passed in order to provide assistance to the Post Office which is being looked at to close this year due to federal budget cuts.

Grant application support was given for two grants, one for Native American Language Preservation and the other for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Vocational Rehabilitation program. These Resolutions were passed to assist these Tribal programs serve the people.

The Resolution to approve the contract for installation of Energy Efficient Lighting in Tribal buildings was passed to make the Tribes lighting in the Main Administrative Building and the Annex at Concho not only brighter but with lower cost. The bulbs and ballasts were changed. Also, many dangerous old transformers containing the chemical PCB were removed. The Legislature is pleased to approve contracts that are in the best interest of the Tribes.

Special Legislative Session
At the Special Session called by the Gov-

ernor and was held April 17, 2012, the confirmation of two Commissioners was accomplished. These two new Commissioners are Virgil Whiteshirt as Gaming Commissioner and Debra Whiteman as Election Commissioner for Cheyenne District 1. We are pleased to welcome them in their new positions.

Public Hearings
There will be Public Hearings held over the next three weeks and have been scheduled in various districts, some in evening hours. The locations and times are as follows, Tuesday May 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Tribal Headquarters, in the large conference room in Concho, Okla., Wednesday May 2, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Kendall-Whittier Regional Library, 21 South Lewis in Tulsa, Okla., Tuesday, May 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Tribal Headquarters, in the large conference room in Concho, Okla., Wednesday, May 9, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Woodward Conference Center, 3401 Centennial Drive, Woodward, Okla.

The items which will be discussed will be the 2012 Budget Bill, Resolution to Approve Staggered Terms, Amend the Constitution, Legislator Removal Resolution, an Act Re-authorizing Unclaimed and Abandoned Per Capita Funds, Resolution Removing Melvin Whitebird from Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Amend the Tax Code, Adopt a Tribal Safety Action Plan and Resolution to Amend the Enrollment Ordinance. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or questions contact the legislative clerk at (405) 422-7778.

There is no sobriety in Indian country

Submitted by Andy Big Snake

My definition of sobriety is when a person is emotionally stable, socially productive and lives a sober life supported by faith and the belief in strong principals. This is the only way; true sobriety works and it is not taking place in Indian country due to several barriers.

One such barrier is the unqualified or untrained alcohol and drug (A/D) counselors regardless of his or her degrees and state certification certificates hanging proudly on the walls of ego at most tribal A/D offices and clinics. This is malpractice pure and simple.

Why is this malpractice; the unqualified or untrained A/D counselors does not know how to identify and treat the following character defects, resentment, anger, lying, evasiveness, dishonesty, fear, cowardice, impatience, self-pity, hate, self-justification, false or excessive pride, phoniness, denial, self-importance, egotism, jealousy, self-condemnation, guilt, envy, laziness, procrastination, insincerity, negative immoral thinking, perfectionism, intolerance, criticizing, loose talk, gossip, greed, and the lack of faith and belief in religious or spiritual principals. These untreated character defects are the main causative factors behind chronic relapse, suicide, and death.

Due to the lack of qualifications and training, A/D counselors are unable to identify or treat character defects successfully. The behavioral health department at most tribal clinics also do not know how to treat charac-

ter defects effectively. Psychologists on contract with tribal clinics do not know how to treat character defects effectively.

The identification of untreated character defects takes place during the intake or assessment interview. This is another barrier. The A/D counselor lacks professional interviewing skills. The interview should include client medical, social, psychological, psychiatric, spiritual, and recommendations for treatment. The interview must be conducted in the same manner law enforcement conducts a homicide investigation. These types of interviews are not taking place in Indian country. If they were, why are Indian people not achieving sobriety.

Another barrier is the shameful lack of professional writing skills by the entire staff of tribal A/D programs. This problem explains why A/D counselors avoid conducting or writing the assessment interview. The lack of writing skills also affects correspondence to all tribal and state courts.

Another barrier and one that strikes a chord in tribal members is tribal politics. Politics in any form is a sin and sinful people do sinful things. The newly elected officials once sworn into office immediately become an authority on everything in life including sobriety. The barrier preventing Indian people from achieving sobriety is the appointment of untrained and unqualified voters to key positions in tribal A/D programs. Politics should remain separated from A/D programs and the

tribal clinic.

Another barrier preventing Indian people from ever achieving sobriety in Indian country is the lack of community mental health associates or the CMA. The CMA does not treat mental health problems. Their duties are to act as the liaison between the patient and the mental health provider. Their duties might include transporting client to the services. The CMA as an advocate for the Indian people will have the resources to treat any type of mental health or emotional discomfort plaguing Indian People in their community. The benefit of the CMA will assist the tribal A/D program and the behavioral department in locating appropriate services for patients.

Another barrier preventing Indian people from achieving sobriety in Indian country is the lack of counseling services addressing intimacy and loneliness. Intimacy and loneliness are not classified as character defects but if not treated can lead to alcohol and drug abuse. This explains why Indian people marry anyone outside their race. Intimacy and love should be part of the client’s treatment plan.

Another barrier preventing Indian people from recovering from the pitfalls of chronic alcoholism and drug abuse is the lack of community alcohol and drug education. The untrained and unqualified staff lacks the creativity, imagination, and drama to lure Indian people to a community gathering. Tribal members are tired and worn out from listening to local A/D counselors preach hell, fire,

and damnation. They heard it before.

This commentary based on my recent trek across Indian country stopped at several urban and tribal A/D programs. The A/D programs in Indian country are in shambles because of the programs inability to produce sobriety. The problems lie mostly in the unqualified or untrained counselors. Unless a change comes, our Indian people will continue to relapse, commit suicide, and go to the spirit world before their time.

Andy Big Snake a member of the Ponca/Sac and Fox Nations is a retired licensed alcohol and drug counselor. During his 40-year tenure as an A/D counselor, he was instrumental in helping over 500 or more clients recover from addiction and maintain sobriety.

He received his mental health training at the former Western State Hospital in Ft. Supply, Okla. In 1974, he graduated Northern Oklahoma College majoring in Community Mental Health. He completed a two-year practicum studying borderline and mentally handicapped children at Pauls Valley and Enid State School in Oklahoma. He attended Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Okla. and Tulsa University majoring in clinical psychology.

He is a seventy year-old, bachelor living with his younger bachelor brother and spends most of his free time working on a romance novel. To contact Big Snake email snake.andrew@ymail.com.

Former Crow attorney to fill in at top BIA post

HELENA, MT-A former Crow attorney has been named the interim head of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Interior Department said that Del Laverdure will serve as acting assistant secretary of the Interior for Indian affairs after Larry Echo Hawk resigned to take a position with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Laverdure has been deputy assistant secretary since 2009. He was previously the chief legal counsel for the executive branch of the Crow tribe and has held judgeships with the Crow and other tribes.

Laverdure will serve in his new role until President Barack Obama nominates a new assistant secretary. That nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

Top federal official touts Dakotas’ Indian youth program

By Dave Kolpack

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)- The No. 2 official in federal law enforcement said Thursday his department is keeping an eye on a pilot program in the Dakotas that is designed to keep American Indian youth from making bad choices, and may incorporate it elsewhere.

James Cole, deputy attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice, said his visit to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation a day earlier piqued his interest in a youth outreach series led by Gary Delorme, an assistant U.S. attorney in North Dakota.

The program features speakers who talk about Internet and texting safety, bullying, drug and alcohol abuse, and gangs.

“Gary is bringing in people who really know how to relate to the kids,” Cole told The Associated Press before delivering the keynote address Thursday morning at a tribal conference in Bismarck. “These are the kind of open and candid exchanges that will help kids think about their consequences.”

Cole said the program is unique and he expects his department to analyze the North Dakota results.

“A lot of what we try to do is science based,” Cole said. “It’s not just, boy, this

sounds like a good idea, let’s do it. We have ideas that we start as pilots. We may not have data, but we try to look at whether there has been some success or tangible effects.

“When we do see that, then we’re going to import these into other places,” he said.

Standing Rock straddles the border of North and South Dakota. Timothy Purdon, the U.S. attorney in North Dakota, said a similar program is planned by Assistant U.S. Attorney Janice Morley on the Spirit Lake reservation in northeast North Dakota.

“It’s an experimental program, but boy, we like what we see here,” Purdon said.

North Dakota contains all or part of four Indian reservations: Fort Berthold, Spirit Lake, Turtle Mountain and Standing Rock. A small amount of tribal trust land belonging to the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe also exists in southeastern North Dakota, although the vast majority of the reservation is located in South Dakota.

Cole acknowledged that while he received a welcome response from students Wednesday during an appearance at Standing Rock High School, in Fort Yates, the loudest ovation was saved for Delorme. Delorme promoted his fi-

nal event of the school year, and promised to be back in the fall.

“I’m trying to get you guys to see what implications your decisions today have on your future,” said Delorme, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. “My primary message to you is, I don’t want to see you in court.”

Cole told tribal and law enforcement leaders in his keynote address Thursday that the North Dakota youth outreach plan is an example of a 2010 Justice Department directive to have U.S. attorneys engage directly with Native American governments.

“Our role as the sole prosecutor for serious violent crimes makes our responsibility to citizens in Indian country unique, and we take it seriously,” Cole said.

Federal filings on North Dakota Indian reservations are up 78 percent between 2009 and 2011, Purdon said. He said it’s not necessarily an uptick in crime, but an increase in cases taken up by federal prosecutors.

“The assembly line is the same. We’re just taking more packages off of it,” Purdon said.

Message submitted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Chief of Staff



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April 26, 2012

To Any and Everyone Concerned, All Employees, All Tribal Members, and Whomever Else this may Concern:

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes (“Tribes”) have declared a state of an Emergency. This came about from the First Bank and Trust Bank in Clinton, Oklahoma freezing all the Tribal monies on April 24, 2012. All employees, Tribal members, and other Native Americans serviced by the Tribes are immediately affected. The Tribal work week will be limited to 32 hours per week for all employees, including any leave, vacation, sick leave, or personal time. All travel is hereby suspended. There is an immediate freeze on all hiring. All Tribal vehicles are hereby grounded and to be returned to the complex immediately. All programs and satellite offices are hereby suspended. We hope that this will be resolved quickly and these are temporary measures. We cannot say when this matter will be resolved.

As to the Tribal members all Tribal Service Programs spending will be substantially cut, and some services will temporarily not be provided.

The reason for these drastic measures is due to Ms. Leslie Harjo. In Custer County Court Case, CV-2011-53, First State Bank and Trust is freezing all of your money and we have no access to your money. Though Ms. Harjo claims she has nothing to do with freezing your money, she is in full support of this freeze and keeping all your money from you. The proof of her actions is attached, her Motion to freeze your money on April 10, 2012.

PLEASE READ IT FOR YOURSELF!!!

Respectfully,



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FIRST BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,

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THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES; et al.,

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Defendants.

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Case No. CV-2011-53

EMERGENCY MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION TO FREEZE TRIBES' ACCOUNTS HELD BY BANK SUBMITTED BY GOVERNOR LESLIE WANDRIE-HARJO, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES

COMES NOW Defendant, Leslie Wandrie-Harjo, in her official capacity as Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes (“Tribes”), by and through her attorneys, and moves as follows:

- On December 27, 2010, for multiple violations of the federally-approved Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma (“Constitution”), the Cheyenne Arapaho Trial Court suspended from office then Governor of the Tribes, Defendant Justice Prairie Chief-Boswell.
- On that date, and by operation of the Constitution, then Lieutenant Governor Harjo became Governor of the Tribes.
- Due to Ms. Boswell’s refusal to vacate the Office of the Governor and as further affirmation of the suspension, on March 18, 2011, the Cheyenne Arapaho Legislature, after completion of the process therefor pursuant to the Constitution, did impeach and remove Ms. Boswell (again) from office.

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4. Governor Harjo was officially sworn in as Governor on January 19, 2012. See also In re: Recognition of Leslie Wandrie-Harjo as Governor, No. SC-AD-2012-01 (Jan. 17, 2012), 18 (“In sum, this Court holds today that Leslie Wandrie-Harjo has exercised the lawful gubernatorial powers of the Tribes as Acting Governor pursuant to in-force court orders from September 30, 2010 until the date on which a designated Justice of this Court swears her into office as Governor. This Court designates its presiding Justice, Justice Enid K. Boles, to administer the Article IX, Section 14 Oath of Office as Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to now-Acting Governor Leslie Wandrie-Harjo, and that the swearing-in of Ms. Wandrie-Harjo as Governor may take place immediately.”).

5. Despite her lawful, valid, and effective suspension and impeachment and removal, Ms. Boswell has unlawfully refused to vacate the Office of the Governor or to relinquish control of the Tribes’ bank accounts at Plaintiff First Bank and Trust Company.

6. Thus, for over a year, an individual lacking authority under law and lacking authority pursuant to, and in violation of, the agreements governing the deposit accounts at First Bank and Trust Company, has retained control over such accounts and monies deposited there.

7. Therefore, Governor Harjo requests this Court issue emergency injunctive relief, to be in effect until this Court resolves this action, freezing the Tribes’ accounts held by First Bank and Trust in order to prevent harm to the Tribes.

8. Such relief will help to prevent unlawful expenditure of Tribal funds and protect Tribal members and programs.

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Respectfully submitted this 07th day of April, 2012.



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Awards

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vation, interpretation, and presentation of material cultural heritage, is awarded to the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and its President Mary Ellen Meredith. Since 1964, the Cherokee Heritage Center (CHC) has preserved, promoted, and taught Cherokee history and culture. Situated on forty-nine historically significant wooded acres, the CHC is on the National Register of Historic Places. It maintains an Ancient Village, a populated re-creation of a 1700’s Cherokee village; the Cherokee National Museum, which contains award winning permanent and changing exhibits; the Cherokee National Archives and Family Research Center, and Adams Corner, a reconstructed 19th century Indian Territory community with appropriate crops and animals. The Heritage Center supports field trips for students of all cultural backgrounds, provides guided exhibit tours, and sponsors interactive storytelling, arts and crafts activities, and cultural games. It sponsors Ancient Cherokee Days and Indian Territory Days for the public, as well as classes that provide historical and practical information on Cherokee life ways, including pottery, feather cape making, beadwork, baskets, moccasins, flint knapping, and more. Of note, the Cherokee Heritage Center is a

major supporter of Cherokee artists, authors, and performers. It promotes Cherokee arts through two major shows a year, features the work of Cherokee artists in its museum store, and publishes significant works on Cherokee culture through the Cherokee Heritage Press. Honored One, which recognizes indigenous or non-indigenous individuals or organizations whose contributions have significantly benefited the preservation of indigenous cultural heritage and supported the work of tribal archives, libraries, and museums, is awarded to three people: attorney, author and Native-rights activist Walter Echo-Hawk, Oklahoma State Librarian Susan McVey, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency. Walter Echo-Hawk, a lawyer, tribal judge, scholar and activist, is honored for his work in support of indigenous archives, libraries, and museums. Echo-Hawk advocates that every tribal nation maintain its own cultural institutions. As Chair of the 2012 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums and an active board member of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, he is working to elevate the status of archives, libraries, and museums with tribal

leaders and decision makers at all levels. Susan McVey, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, a state agency, has made significant and exceptional contributions to tribal communities throughout Oklahoma and the nation. On a national level, since 2006 she has supported the development of training opportunities that serve thousands of Native archivists, librarians, and museum workers. On a statewide level, Susan McVey has shown an unprecedented commitment to serving the needs of tribal libraries through the generous sharing of State Agency resources such as interlibrary loan, national database subscriptions, and Summer Reading resources. Additionally, ODL provides training and networking opportunities, as well as funding for tribal archives programs. Under her leadership, many Oklahoma tribes have established archives and preservation plans. ODL also assists tribal libraries with adult literacy programs, GED testing, and reading programs for people of all ages. ODL maintains an extensive collection of Native materials, including rare language instruction programs.

Established in 2007, the awards program identifies and recognizes organizations and individuals who serve as outstanding ex-

amples of how indigenous archives, libraries, and museums contribute to the vitality and cultural sovereignty of Native nations. Nine award recipients will be honored at a luncheon ceremony on Tuesday, June 5, opening day of the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums that is taking place at the Cherokee-owned Hard Rock Casino and Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The award ceremony is open to conference attendees, guests of the award-ees, and credentialed media representatives. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Senior Program Officers Mary Alice Ball, Kevin Cherry, Alison Freese, and Sandra Narva, as well as Director Susan Hildreth, are recognized for their support of tribal libraries and museums. A leader in supporting tribal library and museum development in the United States, IMLS provides several categories of funding specifically for tribal museums and libraries. IMLS also supports educational programs, including those sponsored by the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums. For more information on the awards program, including a list of past recipients, visit www.atalm.org.

Renaissance Day



Photo by Gordon Yellowman

Cheyenne and Arapaho students attending El Reno High School were honored on April 13, 2012 during their annual Renaissance Day for maintaining and improving their individual grade point averages.

Pictured l-r: Carmelita Richey, Damon Richey, Dara Hicks, Bryce Rednose, Stanley Plentybears, Trista Sioux, Aubrey Karty, Cricket Yellowman, Miranda Marquez, Brie Proctor and Marcus Thompson.

Free math classes in El Reno

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Higher Education Program will pay tuition for tribal members who reside in the El Reno, Okla. area and needs to take a general college math course or a basic Algebra course, to further their educational degree plan. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. If enrolled, a commitment to attend and complete every class is asked.

Many students have had difficulties passing these classes at other schools. It is hoped that this assistance will give students a greater chance of passing the class. There will be an instructor instead of computer instruction and one-on-one assistance as well as free tutoring.

Applicants must first go to student services at Redlands Community College in El Reno to register for one of the classes. A valid identification card with photo must be presented. After registering, a purple compass paper will be given to present at the Learning Resources Center at the campus

library building, upstairs in the AAA Center.

After students are tested it will be determined which class they need to enroll in. To practice for the placement math tests, visit www.redlands.com, go to current students, scroll to the bottom of the page to testing center and to all services, go to COMPASS sample questions and there will be sample math problems to practice prior to testing.

Lastly, the higher education office will need a completed Gaming application, which can be copied from the tribes’ Website at www.c-a-tribes.org, a CDIB-not a tribal ID card and the class schedule with tuition cost listed. Documents can be mailed to the C-A Higher Education Program, P.O. Box 167, Concho, OK 73022 or hand delivered.

The higher education program will pay for one class only. Class size is limited so students need to act on this soon.

For more information email Wanda Whiteman at wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org.

Submitted article

NO

BULLY

ZONE

How to Avoid a Bully

How to avoid situations where you could be bullied.

One of the best ways to stop a bully is to never give them a chance to bully you.

Most bullies take advantage of opportunities when you are alone, when authority figures are out of sight or hearing range, and when you are the most vulnerable.

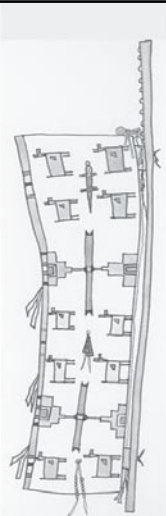
So, help your child understand that they should avoid the situations that lead to being able to be bullied. If they avoid the bullying situations it will be far better.

Look for more tips in upcoming issues of the *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune*.



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College offers four Academic Degree Programs. Associate of Science in Tribal Administration, Associate of Science in American Indian Studies, Associate of Science in General Education and Associate of Science in Children’s Teacher.

SAVE THE DATE



Cheyenne Cradleboard
Tse-tshahse Pahaoesistotose
Artist: George Levi,
Cheyenne 2011

A Healthy Baby Begins with You!

Baby Shower

“Inviting Native American Women”

Thursday, May 17th

4 p.m. — 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
900 Frisco Avenue
Clinton, OK 73601

Sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health
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CALLING ALL 7th - 12th Grade C&A STUDENTS

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

2012 Youth Empowerment Conference

June 18-21, 2012

SWOSU

Weatherford, OK

Applications available April 15, 2012

DREAM * BELIEVE* ACHIEVE

2ndAnnual Cheyenne & Arapaho Youth Empowerment Conference

June 18-21, 2012

SWOSU, Weatherford, Okla.

Department of Education

STUDENT CREED

I am a member of Tsist-sistas-Hinonoei.

The Creator has granted me the spirit of freedom to explore, the soul to believe that any dream is possible, and the ability to successfully achieve whatever I choose.

I will uphold the pride, honor, culture, and traditions of my ancestors.

I will embrace education for my people, my family,

and myself.

I will nourish my mind, my body, and my soul with all that is good,

I will respect all that surrounds me,

For I know that I am free to Dream, Believe, and Achieve.

All Cheyenne and Arapaho seventh through 12th grade students are encouraged to memorize prior to the Youth Empowerment Conference.



Powwows & Events

CALENDAR

Graduation and 18th Birthday Dance for Trayla Valerie Reyes

May 5, 2012 at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. Inviting all princesses, powwow organizations, friends and family.

Graduation Dance for Emily Paige Wilson

May 5, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., meal at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. Fore more information contact Fritz Prairie Chief at (918) 541-3778 or Yvonne Wilson at (405) 262-9471.

Arapaho Sun Dance sponsor Gabriel Warren Benefit Dance

May 5, 2012 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by Dale and Bobbi Hamilton family. For more information call (405) 371-4045.

El Reno’s annual Burger Day event

From 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 5, 2012 in downtown El Reno, Okla. World’s largest onion burger, car show, kid’s activities, games and live entertainment. For more information visit www.elrenoburgerday.com.

Haskell Commencement powwow

May 10-11, 2012 at the Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. For more information visit www.haskell.edu.

Comanche Little Ponies 44th annual powwow

May 12, 2012 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Expo Center in Lawton, Okla. For more information contact Lowell Nibbs at (580) 583-5279 or by email, lowellnibbs@yahoo.com.

91st Birthday Dance for Myrtle Wood

May 12, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by the family of Myrtle Wood. For more information call Joyce Wood at (405) 313-5007.

Lucky Star Casino presents KIMBO Slice Fight

May 12, 2012 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m., event begins at 8 p.m. For tickets visit www.ticketstorm.com. For more information call (405) 262-7612.

Mother’s Day Birthday Dance for Rhoda Youngbird Braxton

May 13, 2012 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Center in Watonga, Okla. Meal at 2 p.m., Gourd dance to follow. For more information contact Winona Youngbird at (405) 422-7873.

Blanchard’s Chamber of Commerce May Daze Festival

From 10 a.m.-9 p.m., May 18-19, 2012 in downtown Blanchard, Okla. Free admission, live entertainment, carnival, shopping, fair food and city wide garage sales.

Kingfisher’s second annual Art Festival

10 a.m.-9 p.m. May 19, 2012 in downtown Kingfisher, Okla. All day entertainment and kids’ activities.

State Handgame Tournament

May 19, 2012 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Noon meal at 12:00 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Team members-3 minimum, must be 16 years and older and show ID. Sponsored by the Arapaho National Handgame Team. For more information call (580) 886-2824.

The 18th annual Spring Bear powwow

May 19, 2012 at the University Field House, 333 Regis Blvd. in Denver, Colo. Fore more information call Bear Limvere at (303) 648-3414 or visit www.ravendancers.org/powwow.

Graduation Honor Dance for Marshal (Reeder) Williamson

6 p.m., May 25, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Special contests Men’s Grass, Men’s Fancy, Ladies Cloth and special Clown Dance contest. Vendor booths welcomed, \$20. For more information call (405) 893-2216.

Labor Day powwow Benefit Dance

May 26, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. followed by Inter-Tribal dancing. Coronation for Labor Day powwow princess. Everyone is welcomed to attend. For more information contact Louella Oldbear at (405) 426-2278.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Princess Coronation Dance

Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the Darlington School gym in El Reno, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with Gourd dance to follow. Announcing and introducing the 2012 OIN Princess Royalty.

The 36th annual Paseo Art Festival

10 a.m.-8 p.m., May 26-28, 2012 within the Paseo District of Oklahoma City.

The 2012 Red Earth Festival

June 8-10, 2012 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information call (405) 427-5228 or visit www.redearth.org.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi 2012 powwow

June 8-10, 2012 at 150th and M Road in Mayetta, Kansas. More than \$100,000 in cash prizes. Grand entry at 7 p.m. both nights. For more information visit www.pbpgaming.com or call (888) PBP-4WIN.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday
Andrea!!!
We all love you, Sue, J.C.,
Bossy and Pooky



Happy Birthday Horace
Howlingwater!
Love your Family



Happy Birthday
Sophia Plentybears
May 24
From all your friends
and teachers at
Concho Headstart



Congratulations

Jonathan Philip Soxie will be graduating from Pawnee High School. His parents are Francis and Rebecca Soxie, the grandson of Reda Pawnee and Phyllis Soxie. He is a member of the FFA of five years, Jonathan will be receiving a State FFA degree, he attended Meridian Technology Center in Stillwater, Okla. and he will receive a certification in Business. Jonathan has been accepted to attend Northern Oklahoma College NOC_OSU in Stillwater, Okla. and will be majoring in Business/Accounting.

GRAD
CLASS OF 2012



Congratulations

Kassidi LaNell Rice, "Cheyenne-Mollie" Daughter of Teresa Lyn Rice. Graduating from Thomas Fay Custer Unified Schools. She is a proud member of the Sac and Fox tribe, Stroud Okla. We are so proud of you Kassidi!!



Happy 10th Birthday
Annie Emloolah
"Pretty Baby"
We love you grandpa Mike,
grandma Georgia, daddy
Patrick II and all your
Emloolah relations.



Happy Birthday
Iris Rivera
May 9
From all your friends
and teachers at
Concho Headstart



Happy 4th Birthday
Stoney White Thunder
You have brought such
joy to the family and
we all love you.
Love mom, dad, Bird,
all your grandma's, uncles,
aunts, and cousins



Congratulations

California Baptist University announces Skyla R. Black is graduating with her degree of Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Class of 2012. Her family invites you to share in our happiness on Saturday morning 9 a.m., May 5, 2012 on the front lawn at CBU in Riverside, Calif. Congratulations Sykla, we are all so proud of you. Love your family Skyla is the great great grand daughter of Cleaver Warden Arapaho chief



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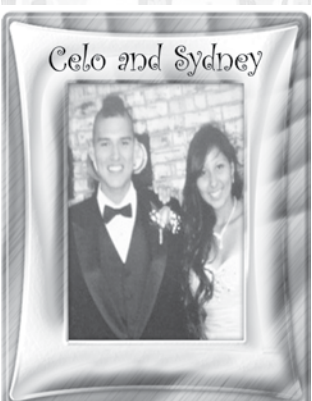
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Happy Birthday
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May 4
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Happy Birthday
Sydney and Celo Keith,
who turned 17 years old
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proud of you. God bless
you, from all your family
and friends



Happy 18th Birthday
Kaley Cross, May 5
and
Happy 7th Birthday
Tyler Cross, May 8
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Welcome baby, love your parents Dylan Elledge and Tiara Ford, grandparents Leah Elledge and Gaylon Bert, Cristy Miles and Eric Jackson



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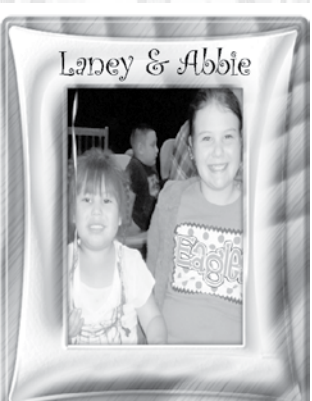
Birth Announcement

Allie Ruth Powell
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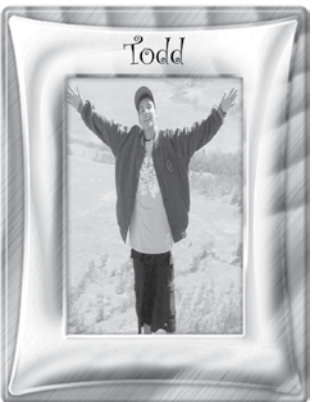
We would like to welcome our 6th beautiful grandbaby and 4th little diva, Allie Ruth Powell; she is named after her great-grandma, Ruth Woolworth. "Baby Ruth" was born on March 28th at 6:26 am to Cory and Veronica Powell; she weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21 in. long. Her very proud maternal grandparents are Debra Woolworth and Sigi Marquez and paternal grandparents, Sam and Lorrie Powell. Her great grandparents are the late Lavern and Ruth Woolworth.



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and grandma
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and grandma Jeannie



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May 16 and 17
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so much!!!



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Happy Birthday
Bindi YellowEagle
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and teachers at
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Love mom, dad, Victoria,
Sarena, Jaiden and Louis.



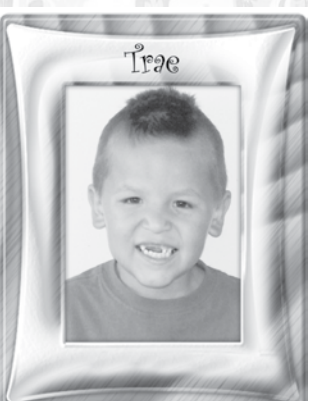
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and grandma
would be so proud
of you and
wish you the best in
everything you do
Love you, mom, dad
Blaine, Brandy and Baylee



Happy 4th Birthday
Cayden Mae!!



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A thousand words can't bring you back, I know because I've tried...neither will a thousand tears, I know because I've cried...you left behind my broken heart, and happy memories too...but I never wanted memories, I only wanted you.

I know you stand beside me, and lay with me at night, I know because I hear your laugh, I feel your wings take flight.

You have always been my hero, from the day I was born I forever hold you on my pedestal, even though my dreams are torn. They tell me time will heal my pain, it will eventually go away,

They tell me you always loved me, I thought you would always stay.

I know I may be young now, but one day I will be grown, I will share my sorrow and memories, with the children I have of my own.

You no longer hold my hand or toss me towards the sky, I may not see you with me, but I know you're here by my side every day and every night.

Please stay with me in spirit , because I'm still a little girl, I need your love and strength, to grow up in this cruel world.

My strongest uncle my deepest sorrow you.

I hold onto til my own end because in my little heart you'll always be my friend.

I miss you uncle Carl, more than these words can say I need you uncle Carl more and more every single day. I hope you had a Happy Birthday, wherever you may be.

Love your nieces, Paisley, Emmah and Josalyn, For you, we will always grieve.

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Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Watonga, OK**
Closing Date: Until filled
QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor’s degree in a social science field preferred. Two years experience in the delivery of social services and/or community based networking and referral services. One year experience preferred in community-based networking and referral services. Two years counseling experience with case management and/or vocational interest assessment experience preferred. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire background investigation.
SALARY: Negotiable

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Thank you to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Vocational Rehabilitation Program

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Vocational Rehabilitation Program for assisting me with further my education here at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. Your program has helped me with paying for my tuition, books, meals and clothing. I never would have been able to complete my higher education if not for your help. I felt that obtaining my bachelor’s degree was out of reach, after learning of my health issues. But when I heard that your program was designated to assist those with disabilities, I immediately contacted your office and you were ready to assist.

This program is available to all individuals who are disabled and feel that they are incapable of living a productive life. The help is there and all it took for me is a phone call. I hope

that others will take advantage of the vocational rehab program, whether it is in attending school or obtaining employment.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have this program and it covers all communities within their jurisdictional area. Although I am not an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, that didn’t matter. Disabled individuals do not need to feel that there is no life after hearing their diagnosis. This program is here and all one needs to do is ask for assistance and begin that road to wellness.

Once again, I thank you for all your help. I will graduate in May of 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and I pray that your program will continue to assist me in finding employment.

Thank you and God bless.
Sincerely,
Sophia F. BigGoose

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:

A.R.B. DOB: 05-14-09
A.R.B. DOB: 07-41-10
A Minor

Case No: PG-2011-0048

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES TO: TASHA BIRDSEAD
JESSE BIRDSEAD

TAKE NOTICE that Wanda Birdsead has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship on the above-named minor in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma,
YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE of the Petition due to being the Mother and Father of the minor children and you may submit a written protest in the case.
YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that this matter is hereby set for hearing on the 11TH day of JULY, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.
Dated this 11th day of April, 2012.

Rebekah Martin
Fina Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court

Petitioner:
Wanda Birdsead
Rt. 41 Box 130
Watonga, OK 73772

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:

DANIEL TALLBEAR
vs.
TIFFANI TALLBEAR

Case No: PG-2012-041

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES TO: TIFFANI TALLBEAR

You are hereby notified that Daniel Tallbear has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Tribal Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 23rd day of MAY, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.
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IN THE MATTER OF GUARDIANSHIP OF:

KAYKEY MARIE MEEKS
DOB: 2/06/2012
A Minor Child

Case No: CV-2012-13

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES TO: SKYE MEEKS

You are hereby notified that Zola Old Bear has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the child, Kayley Marie Meeks, a minor child, and that on April 11, 2012, the petitioner, Zola Old Bear was granted Temporary Custody of the minor child and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Tribal Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 11th day of July, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Custody should not be granted.
Dated this 16th day of April, 2012.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:

SARAH BEARD
DOB: 7/03/08
TIERRA WHITTETHUNDER
Minor Children

Case No: CNA-PG-2009-46

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES TO: DANIELLE CHOUNET WHITTETHUNDER

You are hereby notified that Mandy Waha has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Guardian of the persons and/or estates of Sarah Beard and Tierra Whittethunder, minor children, and that on April 16, 2012, the petitioner, Mandy Waha was granted temporary guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Permanent Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Tribal Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 9th day of May, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Guardianship should not be granted.
Dated this 16th day of April, 2012.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
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NOTICE TO ALL
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Sponsored lunch by Leonard F. Boodbear Jr. and family at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2012.

For more information or questions contact Goodbear at (405) 605-2424.

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In Memoriam

Jonathan Mark Harvie
May 1, 1972
April 18, 2012

An all night Wake service was held for Jonathan Mark Harvie on April 22, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held on April 23, 2012 at the Rock of Restoration Church in Geary, Okla. followed by an Internment at the Concho Cemetery.

TRIBAL TRIBUNE DEADLINES

At 3 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.

Submitted by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College President, Dr. Henrietta Mann

Presented by Dr. Henrietta Mann at the Tribal Leader Education Roundtables Jan. 23, 2012 in Norman, Okla.

As but a 77 year old educator, who has had the privilege of spending more than half her lifetime in the hallowed trenches of American Indian education, it gives me great pleasure to offer this testimony on the President of the United States, Barack Obama’s White House Initiative for “Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities.”

There can be no better assurance for the long-awaited attention to the education of our children and grandchildren than for the President of our country to institute this initiative. The future is promising, but much work must be done.

The past bears heavily upon us as this country’s first Americans, often forgotten but nonetheless survivors of a cold war in education. First-hand experience and many reports tell the story of Indian education, significant among them the findings and recommendations of the 1928 Problem with Indian Administration, the 1969 Indian Education: A National Tragedy, a National Challenge, and the annual reports of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) commencing in 1974.

Education is a sovereign responsibility of American Indian nations that includes tribal colleges and universities (TCUs). Tribal citizens must be afforded the opportunity to learn their languages and about their cultures, histories, philosophies and contemporary status of the people to which each belongs. It must be emphasized and reiterated that it is acceptable to be indigenous, and from the perspective of where I currently serve, “it is all right to be Tsistsistas and Hinónóéi, to be Cheyenne and Arapaho.”

It is significant to acknowledge that the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC), in partnership with its host institution provides a quality student focused education. It also complements its educational offerings with strong cultural-based courses focused upon tribal traditions, histories and the Tsistsistas and Hinónóéi languages, which are at risk. CATC, consequently, has a vital role in helping the tribes preserve and maintain the languages, traditional knowledge, unique ways of life and the natural laws given them at creation.

As necessary as tribally controlled higher education is to

the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, they do not have the financial means to continue to grow their tribal college. Unfortunately, this financial barrier is a limiting factor in tribal self-determination and impinges upon their ability to strengthen their TCU and precious tribal human assets. Tribal citizens have the right to learn about themselves while acquiring a bi-cultural education that prepares them for leading satisfying, quality lives in 21st century America.

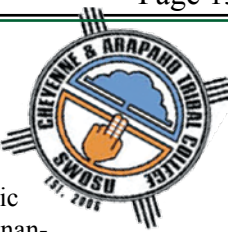
Lincoln C. White, the Executive Director of NACIE, in his March 1976 transmittal letter for the third annual NACIE report stated, “It is commendable that you have stood steadfast as protectors of our people. To preserve the sovereign rights of indigenous people is an important and difficult task. It demands constant vigilance to insure that the federal laws, rules, regulations and policies do not further erode the sovereign rights of Indian people.” That pronouncement is as timely today in 2012 as it was 36 years ago.

It must be understood that tribal people, as the keepers of this earth, were given certain natural laws and cultural traditions they must obey. They also have come to understand that America is a country of laws. Among the latest, was Public Law 112-74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2012 that President Obama signed into law on Dec. 23, 2011. It significantly impacts Federal student aid programs. Further, the Congress has updated Code of Federal Regulations Title 34; Education, Subtitle B: Regulations of the Offices of the Department of Education governing Student Assistance, which set forth policy governing satisfactory academic progress. Unfortunately, there was no grace period or regulations that would grandfather in those currently enrolled in higher learning.

CATC has a high percentage of non-traditional students who are dependent upon financial assistance. Complicating the issue is that some may have enrolled in college years ago and received federal financial aid. For personal reasons, however, a student may have attempted but not completed his or her courses. Unfortunately, this abysmal record follows the student forever and affects the grade point average and pace at which that student must progress through his or her educational program, as prescribed by financial aid policy.

Even though a student has matured and wishes to pursue higher learning, the student may not qualify for financial aid

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because earlier attempts have negatively impacted satisfactory academic progress and the length of student financial aid eligibility. Thus, the student may forever be precluded from pursuing a college degree because of lack of federal financial aid or even guaranteed student loans. The only recourse for such a student is to finance his or her own education which is more often than not an unrealistic expectation or forego a college education altogether. Such a student does not get a second chance.

These regulations governing student financial aid are harsh and appear to constitute but another form of termination that makes a mockery of the federal government’s trust responsibility in Indian education. However, President Obama’s initiative reflects cultural understanding that is critical to the future wellbeing of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Funding for its implementation must be comparable to that of the Marshall Plan that rebuilt a nation. The approximate 570 Federally recognized Indian tribes also must be rebuilt and “improving American Indian and Alaska Native educational opportunities and strengthening tribal colleges and universities,” is a powerful beginning. Much remains to be said, but I will close with two recommendations.

Include in increased funding for existing Tribal colleges and universities a specific set aside for new and developing tribal colleges and universities so they, too, can ultimately grow into fully operable and accredited institutions of higher learning and the second recommendation, the ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ between the department of education and the Department of interior include language mandating input and consultation with tribal educators and leaders in formulating and/or updating policies, such as student aid programs and that such policies be shared with indigenous communities prior to implementation by institutions of higher learning.



Ross Lee Shawnee, 13, is a seventh grade student and athlete at Geary Public High School. He is 5’1”, 110 lbs. and maintains a 3.0 GPA. Shawnee is on the schools football team, track team and wrestling team.

“Wrestling is my favorite sport,” Shawnee said. “When I started wrestling four years ago, I took first place at almost every meet in my second year.”

It was reported in 2009 that Shawnee had a successful year competing in Div. III, 90 lbs. youth wrestling with his winnings including; Geary youth wrestling tournament, first place, El Reno Open, first place, Kingfisher tournament, first place, Clinton Tournament, first place, Edmond General Ted Anderson Classic, second place, U.S. Jr. Open Championship, third place, Southern Oklahoma Regional Championship, first place and Oklahoma State Wrestling Championship, first place.

Shawnee is the son of Amelia Leah Shawnee and John Mark Coppage and the grandson of Helene Shawnee and Therman (D.C.) Ross.

“His bedroom walls are covered with medals that he has won in wrestling and track. He holds a three year record of first place in the Southern Regional championships,” Amelia said. “Ninety percent of the medals hanging here are first place and he is so proud of all of them.”

Shawnee said his mom and family is encouraging and supportive of all the sports he plays.

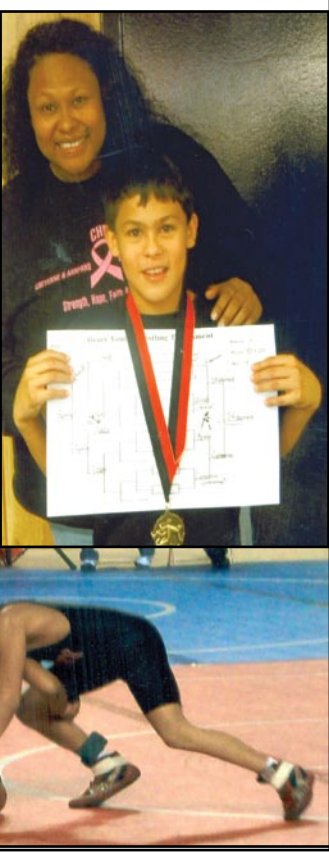
“My mom tells me not to worry about the next match or what anyone else is doing, just focus on myself and take care of me,” Shawnee said.

He said he is active in his church’s youth program and just recently the youth group planted trees for the Geary community.

“I plan on going to summer camp and just enjoying the days off from school with my friends this summer. I hope to go camping and swimming,” Shawnee said.

Shawnee desires to go to college on a wrestling scholarship.

‘I don’t know which college I will get to go to, but I really want to go to Oklahoma University (OU) they are my favorite football team,” Shawnee said.



Submitted photo
Sheldon Sankey was the firing boss conducting a burn-out operation on the Brushy Mountain near Lone Grove, Okla.

Fighting fires, a passion

Submitted article

Sheldon Sankey, Cheyenne and Arapaho, has just completed the Washington Institute’s Technical Fire Management program (TFM) on April 18, 2012 held in Bothell, Wash.

The TFM program is an intense 18-month upper development education opportunity for Fire and Fuels Managers within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Forest Service. The courses were given in six sessions, with the BIA sponsoring travel, lodging, meals and instructor costs for the training.

The education opportunities were designed to improve technical knowledge and skills beyond the level that may be attained through on-the-job training. Course curriculum included ecology, management planning, measurements and analysis, statistics and economics.

The course finished up with a presentation of each student’s final project. Each student had to defend their research with Sankey’s project titled, *A Fuels Treatment Alternative Analysis to Reduce the Eastern Red Cedar in*

Eastern Oklahoma.

“The TFM program was one of the hardest things mentally to complete. I had to make a commitment to my future. The goal was to become a critical thinker. Basically, where are you going and how are you going to get there and how will it be measured?” Sankey said. “I would like to thank the Eastern Oklahoma Region Fire and Agency personnel for their assistance throughout the course. Special appreciation also goes to my wife Anna. Her support throughout the years has given me a chance to grow and help the various tribes. My goal is to continue is to become either a Fuels Specialist or Fire Management Officer.

Sankey began his career in fire fighting with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in 1988. His passion of wild land fires has led him to work with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, the Apache tribe, the Southern Ute Agency-BIA, Southern Pueblo Agency-BIA and the Chickasaw Agency-BIA.

Sankey is currently the fuels technician for the Eastern Oklahoma Region-BIA.



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Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Left: Kelly Hansen, Foreigner lead singer. Above: Calumet Choir perform with Foreigner.

Foreigner and guest Calumet choir, save the music

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter

The Lucky Star event center required no time machine to take a blast into the past as Foreigner took the stage on April 13, 2012 in Concho, Okla.

Foreigner has been partnering with the Grammy foundation and donating \$500 dollars to a local choir from every city or town. The kids raise monies for the Grammy Foundation by selling Foreigner CDs before and after the show. A portion of the CD sales is donated to the Grammy Foundation to assist with its work in raising funds for high school music programs around the country.

The Calumet High School in Calumet, Okla. choir was chosen to perform onstage during Foreigner’s performance at Lucky Star Casino Event Center and sing *I Want to Know What Love Is* with the classic rock band.

“You know with budget slashing going on across the country, which is a big part of a new reality music programs are usually one of the first programs to get chopped in public schools,” Jeff Pilson, Foreigner, bass guitarist said. “I myself am a product of public school music programs. We are determined to help these schools raise as much money as we can.”

Jeff Maness, Calumet High School choir director said his students were excited to learn they would sing with Foreigner.

“This is my first year at Calumet and when I had heard the children had performed last year with Foreigner I asked myself how am I going to top that for my kids. So once again we involved ourselves in the Save the Music charity. We found out we were once again invited to perform with Foreigner this year,” Maness said. “The children are very excited to be able to help raise money by selling Foreigner’s CDs during the concert and they are most excited about getting to sing with the band.”

Pilson said this is a win, win situation and we do this cause we feel passionate about whose music programs have been adversely affected by budget cuts.

“Its such a shame what is going on in our public schools,” Pilson said.

Thomas Morton, Calumet student said he hopes to sell out all the CDs so that their school will get a lot of money.

In 2011 the year proved to be the most successful since founder Mick Jones reformed the band in 2004. Foreigner released their latest album, *Feels Like The First Time* in September.

“A lot of fans had expressed how they would like to hear us record our greatest hits so we decided to make the CD,” Pilson said.

The Billboard Chart three disc set included new digital studio recordings of their greatest hits, a DVD of their nationally broadcast PBS TV special, and *Acoustique*, a CD featuring a fresh unplugged studio approach to some of their most memorable music.

“I remember while recording the new CD we were recording in a studio in New York called Sear Sound, which is a famous old studio. A lot of people love it because it is just a beautiful studio.” Pilson said. “It use to be called the Hit Factory where hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s were recorded. However in the 50s it was called the Blue Notes Studio, in that time a lot of Jazz records were made. It is just a classy studio.”

Pilson said Sting was with them in an elevator as they were on their way to a studio room.

“We get to our room and begin our session. When we are playing I get very excited, I am just an animated kind of guy. So I was playing and stomping my feet, we were just getting this great vibe going, but what we didn’t realize that Sting

was recording in the studio just below us. So here we are in this beautiful room with beautiful sound and we just finished up one of our takes. The engineer comes over the talk back and said ‘umm guys that was a really good take, but do you think you could slow down on the foot tapping cause Sting just called and they are getting the foot tapping in on their session.’” Pilson laughingly said.

Foreigner ended the 2011 year on a high note with the band’s biggest ever one-week digital single sales and album sales were at their highest since the 80s. In April 2011, Foreigner entered the Top 10 at Classic Rock Radio for the first time.

Pilson said the first time he sat down to play with the band Foreigner it felt like coming home to him.

“I have always been a Foreigner fan and the style of music is very natural to me,” Pilson said. “We immediately had chemistry and we immediately knew it was right. It was just one of those instant in certain things moment, which are fairly rare in life.”

Foreigner songs continue to be featured in some of the biggest movies, TV shows and commercials. The band is the only artist to have three songs in the upcoming Warner Bros. Films Summer blockbuster release *Rock Of Ages* in which Tom Cruise *sings I Want To Know What Love Is*. Alec Baldwin, Russell Brand and Diego Boneta perform a medley that includes *Juke Box Hero*.

Upcoming events include Hinder, May 17, New Editions, June 2, Jenni Rivera, June 16, LL Cool J, June 23, comedian Ron White, June 30, Boston, July 14 and Kevin Costner and Modern West, July 19.

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